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BILL NO. SB 397

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Subject: S B 397

Dear Members of the Fish & Game Committee:

The 55 members of the Libby Rod & Gun Club are adamantly opposed to Senate Bill 397 for a multitude of reasons:

1. This bill is too encompassing. It deals with 4 Montana Big Game animals and presumes that some are of more importance than others.
2. The Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks was established to manage and set regulations for big game animals. They are wildlife specialists who take input from hunters and the public before making decisions. 5 private commissioners appointed by the governor represent the people of Montana. Please work with this Department cooperatively, not try to make their job even more difficult.
3. We are opposed to baiting bears. (Can one bait black bears and not grizzlies?) Baiting bears generates a plethora of problems that the United States Forest Service and the Montana F W & P's have been trying to prevent.
4. Running bears with hounds in itself was presented in a bill last month and was defeated. We feel this was a correct choice.
5. We oppose a trigger effect that will generate all the provisions of this bill in certain hunting units only. It would create and enforcement nightmare for the Fish & Game officials and wardens.
6. We already have set quotas and permit levels for mountain lions based on current populations in given hunting units which are established by area biologists with public input. This should not be interfered with.
7. We oppose the incidental baiting of wolves while baiting bears. This bill would legalize that.
8. We oppose using snares to harvest wolves. Well over 230 nontargeted animals were snared incidentally in Idaho's first wolf snaring season. Many of these dies as a result. These included deer,

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elk, moose and one grizzly bear.

9. In Region One we hunt mountain lions under a permit system and non residents are limited to 10 % of the permits. Under this law 50 nonresidents could be outfitted and under provision 3 b would not even need a hound hunting license.

10. We also feel that an outfitter sponsoring this bill may have a conflict of interest in its outcome.

This bill covers way too much. It should be broken down into a dozen component parts so everyone can understand all the implications. We feel it is a very bad bill and strongly encourage you to vote no and kill this in committee.

Thank you.

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